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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Howard E. Rhodes et al.

Application No.: 10/689,712

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Art Unit: 2815

For: AN OPTIMIZED PHOTODIODE PROCESS
FOR IMPROVED TRANSFER GATE
LEAKAGE

Examiner: J. A. Fenty

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 9, 11-16, 18-20, 22-28, 54-58, 62, 66, 64, 68 and 74-77, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.



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Invention: AN OPTIMIZED PHOTODIODE PROCESS FOR IMPROVED TRANSFER GATE LEAKAGE				
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
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